

Notes from field tour to Nash stream to review of Mt. Kelsey ATV trail on November 4 2105:

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The day included a walk of completed trail, including the spur that serves both snowmobiles and ATVs and plenty of lively discussion.

Early on: Much discussion regarding the class 6 road and where it ends and begins

Maggie read to the group course and fine filter criteria and the group looked at the completed trail under these guidelines.

Ken: felt road surface was good and soils were not big problem now that trail is built

Todd: Liked the forest stand type that trail runs through-would not cut it

Jim and others: Discussion about monitoring requirement-what does this mean and how should it be accomplished

Todd: trail could use more culverts and some broad based dips

The following is a brief synopsis of what we summarized at days end in our "talk circle".

1. What is the status and likely hood of a signed MOA?
2. Need geologist input
3. Will expressed concerns regarding fragmentation of habitat due to more trails.
4. Pete expressed concerns regarding distance to wetlands.
5. **And the big issue: Do ATVs meet the original intent and purpose of the formulation of Nash Stream State forest?**

Further random thoughts that came out of the round Circle:

Steve: We need to make sure Cord what is happening ahead of time

Clint: we will have to go before Cord but not sure they have final yeah or nay

Bill: Feels Cord does in fact have that say and power to say No

Maggie: Cord really were not properly appraised of what we did on this trail

Steve: Cord is gaining a greater interest and understanding due to other issues around the State of New Hampshire

Bill: We will update cord in two weeks.

Ken: We should not rush this very important decision

Clint and Maggie: Had some discussion on what has been put in Recreation section and the interpretation of this section as is-Clint feels the section asked that we do look for a route in then south

Will: This decision will set the bar and precedent for other actions on Nash if not other State lands – would hate to go against what original architects envisioned for purposes of purchase of Nash Stream after all the hard work and money

Ken and all: DRED needs to forward a position if ATVs are appropriate for Nash-the tech team will help to inform this-we don't make the call

Ken and others: Invite original architects of purchase to meeting for short "testimony" on intent of purposed upon purchase

Ken: Will share 51 page document with group pending Brad's approval

Will: East /west trail review-we will unlikely get to this prior to snow fall

Other needs: The current trail needs appropriate remediation efforts **now**-more culverts, broad based dips to prevent further erosion

Bill: will research what he can find on original intent of purchase

Jim: Can't make 19th meeting, nor can Will-going to send Rich Cook in our absence(**suggestion: If wildlife input critical meeting should be postponed until week of December 7-for the record Dianne also would like to see date changed so at least she and Jim could show up**)